

Elba's Class of '66 gathers for reunion



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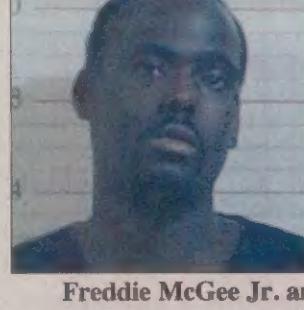
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Murder suspects denied bond following Aniah's Law hearings in Coffee County District Court

Two adult suspects charged in the Feb. 14th Elba murder of Christopher Ethan Hill remain in the Coffee County Jail with no bond following their pre-trial detention hearings last week.

Twelfth Judicial Circuit District Attorney James Tarbox said defendants Freddie McGee Jr. and Lena Michelle McGee each appeared Thursday, Feb. 22, in the District Court of Coffee County, Elba Division, for the Aniah's Law hearings. Tarbox represented the state.

He argued that each defendant was a risk to public safety among other factors



Freddie McGee Jr. and Lena Michelle McGee

related to Aniah's Law, and they needed to be held without bond pending trial for the murder charge against each defendant. Following the presentation of testimony and evidence in each of the hearings, District Judge Josh Wilson took the matters under advisement.

The following day, Friday, Feb. 23, Judge Wilson issued orders denying bond to each defendant. Both defendants will be held at the Coffee County Jail without the right to pre-trial release.

A third suspect, a 17-year-old juvenile, also is charged in this murder case.

Elba City Councilman concerned over increased reports of "shots being fired" in Mulberry area

During the Elba City Council meeting Monday evening, Feb. 26, District One councilman Johnathan Lockett said he is concerned over an apparent increase in "shots fired" reports in the Mulberry area recently.

Lockett told his fellow councilmembers the reports of gun shots being fired has increased again recently. With the recent shooting death of a 24-year-old man, Lockett said this is a real concern for that area of the city.

"I have advised the citizens in the Mulberry area to call and report it when they hear gunshots being fired at any time," councilman Lockett said. "So, if there is an increase in those type reports, it will be because I have suggested it."

Lockett said he did not know any other way to address the issue other than having citizens call authorities any time they hear guns being fired.

Council members agreed with Lockett's suggestion for

citizens.

Also, during Monday night's council meeting, Interim Police Chief Shayne Arnett introduced two new officers to the council. One has been working with Elba for a few weeks now, and the other just started this week.

The newest hire will be attending the police academy soon, Arnett said.

The chief said the new hires would be a welcome addition to the department's staff, which has been down recently due to some medical-related issues for several officers.



The Coffee County Sheriff's Office website has been officially taken down. For those searching for information formerly on the website, please download the new app available on the Apple app for iPhone as well as Google Play for Androids. In the future the website will have a landing page available.



2024 MISS ELBA QUEENS CROWNED!

The 2024 Miss Elba Pageants were held last Saturday evening, Feb. 24, at the Elba High School auditorium, and six new queens were crowned to represent Elba this year. The newly crowned Miss Elba Queens are: (front row) Petite Miss Elba Ella Pugh, Little Miss Elba Farris Mauldin, and Future Little Miss Elba Ava Astemborski; (back row) Young Miss Elba Piper Astemborski, Miss Elba Alyssa McFarland, and Junior Miss Elba Taylor Day.

Secretary of State announces important details for Tuesday's Primary Election Day - March 5th

In preparation for the Tuesday, March 5, Primary Election, Secretary of State Wes Allen wants to relay Alabama voters some important reminders and information for Election Day.

"Before heading to the polls on March 5, I encourage Alabama voters to visit www.AlabamaVotes.gov where they can check the status of their voter registration, verify their polling location, and view their county's sample ballots," said Secretary Allen. "I want all Alabama voters to be fully prepared as they plan to exercise their constitutional right to vote on March 5."

The deadline to return an absentee ballot application in person is Thursday, Feb. 29. Absentee ballots being returned in-person must be received by the county absentee election manager by close of business on the day before the election - March 4, 2024. Absentee ballots returned by mail must be received no later than noon

Notice from Coffee County Sheriff's Office

Earlier this week, the Coffee County Sheriff's Department issued a notice in regards to political campaign signs...

"Complaints have been filed with the Coffee County Sheriff's Office of individuals stealing campaign signs. If anyone is caught stealing these signs, they will be charged with theft of property. DO NOT remove a political sign unless willing to face the consequences!"

On Election Day - March 5, they work hard to prepare for Super Tuesday.

On election day, polls will be open 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Voters are required to present a valid form of photo identification before voting at their polling place or by absentee ballot.

Election results will be posted on a door or other visible location at each polling place. Cumulative election results will be posted on the Alabama Secretary of State's website at www.AlabamaVotes.gov.

Secretary Allen extends his support and gratitude to local election officials as

they work hard to prepare for Super Tuesday.

As Secretary of State and a former probate judge, I will always support our hardworking local election officials across the state and ensure they have everything they need to administer safe, secure and transparent elections," said Secretary Allen.

The Secretary of State is Alabama's Chief Elections Official. Additionally, Alabama law gives the Secretary of State more than 1,000 different duties.

To learn more about the Secretary of State and his responsibilities and duties visit www.sos.alabama.gov.

Area Happenings

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will host its Eggs 'N Issues Breakfast Friday, March 1, beginning at 7:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall of Elba First Baptist Church. This meeting will provide election and legislative updates. Local candidates for the March 5 Primary Elections have been invited to participate along with current local legislative representatives. Breakfast tickets are \$10. Call the Elba Chamber of Commerce office [34-897-3125] for more details.

The Elba Lions Club annual Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, March 2, from 6-10 a.m. at the National Security Conference Center. Cost is a \$5 donation per plate.

The Evergreen Cemetery Board will meet Thursday, March 7, at 6 p.m., at Elba City Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The Easter Bunny will be at the Elba Public Library Saturday, March 2,

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Come enjoy free fun for all ages, including games and crafts!

The library is located at 406 Simmons Street in Elba, Ala.



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PHI Air Medical and Enterprise Rescue expand partnership by opening new base in Andalusia

PHI Air Medical and Enterprise Rescue announced Thursday, Feb. 22, the opening of their new air medical base in Andalusia, Ala.

The base will be equipped with a Bell 407 and manned by PHI's skilled pilots and mechanics alongside Enterprise Rescue's experienced clinical staff. This base represents a milestone in their shared commitment to delivering the highest standard of emergency medical care and air medical transport services.

This groundbreaking delivery gave the Enterprise and Wiregrass areas additional emergency response care. The new aircraft will make trips to larger cities like Birmingham and Pensacola faster and easier, giving rural communities access to larger hospital

systems when necessary. An open house was held Wednesday, Feb. 21, celebrating the opening of the new Andalusia base site at 21835 Bill Benton Ln Andalusia, AL 36421. The event was attended by PHI crew members and executives, Enterprise Rescue clinical staff and executives, city council members, and more.

Arnold Woodham, operations manager at Enterprise Rescue, shares the enthusiasm, saying, "With strategic positioning and cutting-edge technology, we stand ready to extend our reach and deliver critical medical assistance swiftly and efficiently. We are thrilled to contribute our clinical expertise to the Andalusia base and continue making a positive impact on the communities we serve."

As PHI Air Medical and Enterprise Rescue embark on this exciting expansion of their strategic partnership which successfully began in Enterprise, Ala., they remain steadfast in their dedication to excellence through this medical venture. The Andalusia base is a significant stride towards expanding healthcare accessibility across Alabama.

CONGRESSMAN BARRY MOORE OFFICE CONTACT INFORMATION**WASHINGTON, D.C. - (202) 225-2901****TROY - (334) 465-7244****ANDALUSIA - (334) 428-1129****DOTHAN - (334) 547-6630****WETUMPKA - (334) 478-6330****CONTINUE THE PROGRESS****re-elect**

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Coffee County Commission
District 1

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VOTE MARCH 5th

Pd. Pol. Adv. by Dean Smith, 1751 N. Smith Ave., Elba, AL 36323

Elba Police Report

This report reflects activity for the Elba Police Department from Tuesday, Feb. 20, 2024, through Monday, Feb. 26, 2024, as reported to and dispatched from the Coffee County 911 Dispatch Center –

Tuesday, Feb. 20 – Sexual assault reported at a residence on Reynolds Ave (10:08 a.m.); Fire reported on Payne St (10:28 a.m.); Brush fire reported at 1226 Ann St (3:27 p.m.); Suspicious person reported on Hwy 87 (4:20 p.m.). Eleven traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, three citations, four verbal warnings, and one advice given.

Wednesday, Feb. 21 – Suspicious vehicle reported at the old Kleinert's building (3:40 a.m.); Drug activity reported at 100 Beaver Dam St (7:19 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 750 Plant Ave S (11:14 a.m.); Sex offense reported on Cherokee Lane (12:30 p.m.); Animal complaint reported in New Brockton (2:16 p.m.); Suspicious circumstances reported at 919 Flournoy Dr (8:52 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 654 Reynolds Ave – w/arrest (9:59 p.m.). Five traffic stops resulted in one verbal warning, three written warnings, and one citation.

Thursday, Feb. 22 – Fire reported at 979 Hwy 203 (6:24 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 1526 Edgewood Dr (8:48 a.m.). Twelve traffic stops resulted in three written warnings, three verbal warn-

ings, five citations, and one advice given.

Friday, Feb. 23 – Prowler reported in area of 1200 block of E Davis St (5:04 a.m.); Theft by deception reported at 638 N Claxton Ave (10:39 a.m.); Theft of property reported at 895 Old Samson Rd (12:36 p.m.); Verbal altercation reported at 2011 Hickman Ave E (4:07 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in one citation, and two written warnings.

Saturday, Feb. 24 – Seventeen traffic stops resulted in seven written warnings, three verbal warnings, six citations, and one advice given.

Sunday, Feb. 25 – Man with a gun reported on Powell Circle (12:38 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 923 Roosevelt Dr (12:59 p.m.); Burglary

reported at 318 Calhoun St (4:11 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 615 Jackson Ave (5:47 p.m.); Suspicious person reported at 816 Putnam St (7:55 p.m.); Fight reported at 604 Kendrick St (8:40 p.m.). Three traffic stops resulted in two verbal warnings, and one citation.

Monday, Feb. 26 – Traffic accident reported at Hwy 84 and Hwy 141 (4:16 a.m.); Animal complaint reported at 318 Taylor Ave (1:10 p.m.); Man with a gun reported at 877 Reese Ave (2:22 p.m.); Animal complaint reported at 2536 Hickman Ave (3:38 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 16274 Hwy 84 – w/arrest (9:28 p.m.). Ten traffic stops resulted in four written warnings, one verbal warning, and five citations.

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PROVEN RECORD...PROVEN RESULTS!

- 18 Years of Service with the Coffee County Board of Education
- Current Board President (unanimous selection) - Have served as President or Vice-President for 12 of 18 Years on the Board
- Proven Commitment - Attendance Record of 98% among 385 Board Meetings and Work Sessions during My Tenure
- Master Level of Training with the Alabama Association of School Boards - Completed over 285 hours of school board training
- Coffee County Schools Continue to Perform Well Academically - Scoring an 89 on the most recent State Report Card while Our Reading Scores are Among the Best in the State
- School Safety is a Top Priority and has been Enhanced at Each of Our Schools. School Resource Officers are Stationed on Each Campus, and Secure Entrances have been Placed or are in the Process of Being Installed on Each Campus
- Facility Upgrades at ALL Campuses - 97 Acres of Land Purchased adjacent to New Brockton High School for future expansion; New Brockton Middle School has been Completed and 18 New Classrooms have been Added to New Brockton Elementary School; Zion Chapel has a New Gym and is in the Process of Getting a New Softball/Baseball Facility
- 187 Students from Coffee County attend the Elba City Schools Career Tech Academy, a Mutually Beneficial Relationship for Both School Systems
- Graduate of New Brockton High School and Troy (State) University. My wife, Natosha, is an Educator with over 30 years of Service in the Coffee County School System. We have one adult son, Austin, who resides in Texas. He is also a Graduate of NBHS and an Honors Graduate of the University of Alabama.
- Active Member of First Baptist Church Elba where I serve as Deacon Chairman and a Sunday School Teacher
- Past President and Current Member of the Elba Lions Club
- Member of the Coffee County Republican Executive Committee

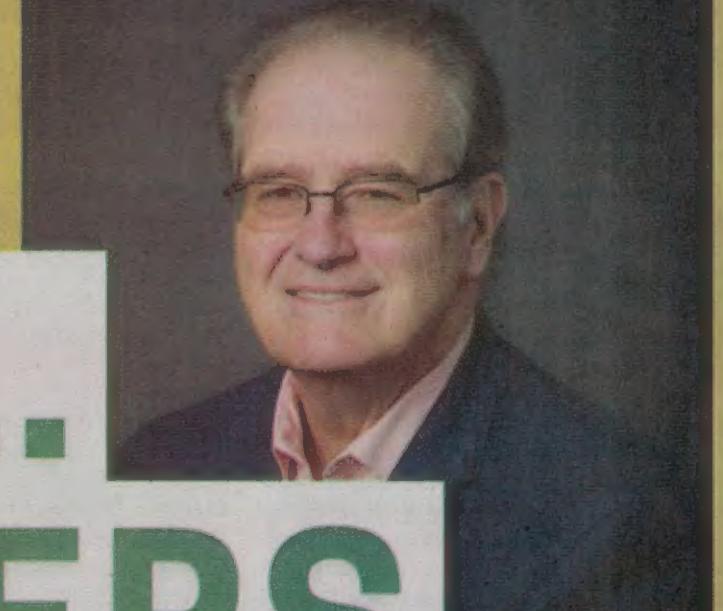


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Miss New Brockton Pageants

set for Saturday, April 20th

The New Brockton Pageant Committee Presents the New Brockton Pageants. The Pageants will be on Saturday April 20th with Baby, Toddler, Tiny, Petite, Young, and Teen Miss competition held on Saturday @ 2PM. Future, Little, Junior and Miss @ 6PM. This year's theme is Diamonds in a Rhinestone World... All Age divisions are OPEN to any girl that would like to enter except for the Little Miss (1st graders only in New Brockton or with a NB address) and Miss (16 years old to 19 years old in New Brockton School or with a NB Address).

Everyone will meet on March 10th (find your age division below for time and entry fee)... at the New Brockton High School Auditorium 210 S. Tyler St, New Brockton AL 36351...

All entry forms and information will be handed out on this day and must be completed and turned in on this day with entry fee.

2PM- Baby, Toddler and Tiny- Entry Fee 75.00- All of these Divisions are OPEN to anyone that would like to participate.... NO Interview, fee covers pageant, photogenic - 2 pictures of your choice... Baby Miss (0-15months-OPEN)-

toddler Miss (16mos to 23 months) Tiny Miss (2&3 years olds-OPEN)

2PM- Petite, Young and Teen - Entry Fee 85.00- All

3PM- Junior and Miss - Entry fee 85.00- Junior OPEN to all participants - Miss closed...

Junior Miss (8th -10th grade) is OPEN

Miss is closed you must attend NB High school (16-19 Years of age) or have a NB address (up to age 19) Entry fee includes interview, pageant entry and photogenic - 2 pictures of your choice...and written for Little miss only.

3:30 PM- We will have a Queens Meeting

Contact: Angi Oakes,

334-470-0458, nbpageant.org@gmail.com for

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CHURCH NEWS



The Elba Public Library hosted a "Book Talk" Monday evening, Feb. 26, with local author Rodrick Caldwell. He is the author of *Man Thou Art Loosed and Triggers*, Volume 2. *Triggers* is his latest publication, and it is a small handbook that focuses on not letting past trauma destroy the future. Above, Caldwell (left) is pictured with several folks that attended Monday evening's book talk at the library.

Revival set for March 17-19 at Alberton Baptist Church

Alberton Baptist Church, located at 3633 Hwy. 134, Kinston, Ala., will conduct Revival Services beginning Sunday evening, March 17, and continuing through Tuesday evening, March 19.

Service times for the revival are 6 p.m. Sunday night and 6:30 p.m. Monday and Tuesday nights. Rev. Brad Boykin will speak Sunday night, Rev. Shaun

Moore will speak Monday night, and Rev. Cliff Quincy will speak Tuesday night.

Everyone is invited to attend.

For more information or if transportation is needed, contact Pastor Will Jordan at (334) 308-7510.



Pastor's Corner

by Rev. Paul Jackson, Pastor
Covenant Community Church, Elba

Jesus on Life

Jesus made some pretty amazing claims during His life and ministry on this planet. In regard to these, C.S. Lewis observed that Jesus was either a liar, mad man, or He was telling the truth. Here are just a few examples of the claims and statements He made about Himself.

Jesus said that he was the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6); the Resurrection and the Life (John 11:25); that He was the Bread of Life (John 6:35); and that He came to give abundant life (John 10:10). He also stated unequivocally that if you believe in Him you'll have eternal life (John 6:40). Pretty amazing, right?

So the real question that presses us for an answer is this: Who is Jesus? How would you answer? A liar? A mad man, perhaps a deluded fool? Or... Could He be who He claimed to be?

Your answer to this one simple question could be the most important you'll ever answer. You owe it to yourself to give it your best effort at thoughtful inquiry. What if Jesus really was telling the truth?

Aglow Community Lighthouse meeting planned for March 16 in Enterprise, Ala.

Aglow Community speaker will be Kim Lighthouse Meeting, Robbins from Atlanta, Enterprise, Ala., will be Ga. Saturday, March 16, at Come and invite others to be blessed of the Lord. For more information, contact 334-406-9683.

Local senior center welcomes participants

New Hope Senior Citizens Center is taking applications for new participants. Must be age 60 or older. For more information, contact Conzuela Banks, center manager.

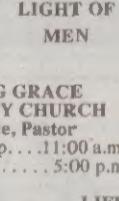
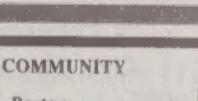
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COVENANT COMMUNITY CHURCH

Paul Jackson, Pastor
Sunday Fellowship . . . 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Wed. Night . . . Peak of the Week & meal . . . 5:30 p.m.
Bible Study & Prayer . . . 6:00 p.m.
until 7:00 p.m.

DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH

Steve Watson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:00 p.m.

DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

EANON BAPTIST CHURCH

Mark Ward, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible Study . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF GOD

H.L. Buckner, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Disciple Train . . . 5:30 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA CHURCH OF PROPHECY

Edward E. Drake, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
Thur. Night . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE

Allen Richards, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 7:00 p.m.

ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD

Sunday School . . . 9:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:30 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Kit Johnson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Service . . . 6:30 p.m.

ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 10:00 a.m.
Even. Services . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

ELBA ZION BAPTIST CHURCH

Lovell Martin, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Even. Meeting 7:00 p.m.

EVANGELIST CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST

Timothy Williams, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:30 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:00 p.m.

FAIRVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School . . . 9:45 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Even. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FAITH CHAPEL COMMUNITY CHURCH

Philip Adcock, Pastor
Sunday Morning . . . 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening . . . 5:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Service 7:30 p.m.

1ST ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON

Danny Bradshaw, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:30 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Bible Study . . . 6:15 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Scott Donaldson, Pastor
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Discipleship Training 5:00 p.m.
Even. Worship . . . 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Prayer Meet . . . 7:00 p.m.

GOD'S POWER HOUSE EVANGELISTIC CHURCH

Oversers - Billy Berry
Sunday School . . . 10:00 a.m.
Morn. Worship . . . 11:00 a.m.
Sun. Service . . . 6:00 p.m.
Sunday Night . . . 6:00 p.m.
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H.L. Buckner, Pastor
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GOD'S

Elba High School's Class of 1966 gathers for class reunion

Members of the Elba High School Class of 1966 gathered Saturday, Feb. 24, for a Class Reunion held at the Elba Masonic Lodge. Food was provided by The Ranch House, and everyone enjoyed the meal and fellowship.

Reportedly, a good time was enjoyed by all present.

Class members in attendance included (pictured to the right - seated, 1 to r) Patsy Moore Carter, Page Rowe DeVane, Barbara Hawkins Vaughan, Martha Kendrick Daniels, Judy Daniels Rhodes, Shirley Parker Walden, Sara Warr Strong, and Clevis Bowden



SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot, however, some offices will appear only in certain precincts which will apply to your districts.

THESE OFFICES RUN BY DISTRICT

OFFICIAL BALLOT

REPUBLICAN PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

TO VOTE YOU MUST BLACKEN THE OVAL COMPLETELY! IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, DO NOT ERASE, BUT ASK FOR A NEW BALLOT.

CANDIDATE OF THE REPUBLICAN PARTY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for One)	FOR CIRCUIT CLERK, COFFEE COUNTY (Vote for One)	"Shall the following Amendment to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"
<input type="radio"/> RYAN L. BINKLEY	<input type="radio"/> AMY MARSHALL	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE
<input type="radio"/> CHRIS CHRISTIE	<input type="radio"/> AMY L. REEVES	PROPOSED STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1
<input type="radio"/> RON DESANTIS	FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. (Vote for One)	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022 to amend Section 71.01 authorizing the Legislature to sign and transmit local laws of constitutional amendments to the Governor for transmission of basic appropriations. (Proposed by Act 2023-562)
<input type="radio"/> NIKKI HALEY	<input type="radio"/> JERRY CARL	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
<input type="radio"/> VIVEK RAMASWAMY	<input type="radio"/> BARRY MOORE	
<input type="radio"/> DAVID STICKENBERG	FOR CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE SUPREME COURT (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> DONALD J. TRUMP	<input type="radio"/> SARAH STEWART	
<input type="radio"/> UNCOMMITTED	<input type="radio"/> BRYAN TAYLOR	
FOR UNITED STATES REPRESENTATIVE, 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT (Vote for One)	FOR COURT OF CIVIL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 2 (Vote for One)	
<input type="radio"/> C. CLINT GRANTHAM	<input type="radio"/> CHAD HANSON	
<input type="radio"/> DEAN SMITH	<input type="radio"/> STEPHEN DAVIS PARKER	
FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 2 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> RICH ANDERSON	
<input type="radio"/> T. TODD CLARK	<input type="radio"/> THOMAS GOVAN	
<input type="radio"/> KIM ELLIS	FOR COURT OF CRIMINAL APPEALS JUDGE, PLACE 2 (Vote for One)	
FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSION, DISTRICT NO. 4 (Vote for One)	<input type="radio"/> TWINKLE ANDRESS CAVANAUGH	
<input type="radio"/> GLENN HUSSEY	<input type="radio"/> ROBERT L. MCCOLLUM	
FOR MEMBER, COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION, DISTRICT NO. 3 (Vote for One)		
<input type="radio"/> GALEN L. MCWATERS		
<input type="radio"/> BRANDY POWELL WOODHAM		

END OF BALLOT

SAMPLE BALLOT

This is a common ballot.

OFFICIAL BALLOT

DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY AND CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ELECTION COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA MARCH 5, 2024

INSTRUCTIONS TO THE VOTER

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CANDIDATE OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY FOR PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES (Vote for One)	DELEGATE SELECTION INSTRUCTIONS	"Shall the following Amendment to the Constitution of Alabama be adopted?"
<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR.	PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO APPEAR ON THE BALLOT STATEWIDE	After selecting your Presidential candidate, vote for not more than three (3) delegate candidates pledged to that candidate. If you selected uncommitted, vote for not more than three (3) uncommitted delegate candidates.
<input type="radio"/> DEAN PHILLIPS	PROPOSED STATEWIDE AMENDMENT NUMBER 1	Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, to amend Section 71.01 authorizing the Legislature to sign and transmit local laws of constitutional amendments to the Governor for transmission before the transmission of basic appropriations. (Proposed by Act 2023-562)
<input type="radio"/> UNCOMMITTED	<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. DELEGATES	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
	<input type="radio"/> JASON FISHER	
	<input type="radio"/> JOSEPH L. JOHNSON	
	<input type="radio"/> MARY PARKER	

FOR DELEGATES TO THE 2024 DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CONVENTION, 1ST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

JOSEPH R. BIDEN JR. DELEGATES
(Vote for no more than Three)

JASON FISHER

JOSEPH L. JOHNSON

MARY PARKER

END OF BALLOT

The Easter Bunny will be at the Elba Public Library Saturday, March 2, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Come enjoy free fun for all ages, including games and crafts!

The library is located at 406 Simmons Street in Elba, Ala.

Shop LOCAL First!



NURSE PRACTITIONER SPEAKS TO LUNCHEON PILOTS...Candi Henderson, a Family Nurse Practitioner at Enterprise Women's Center, was a recent guest speaker at the Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise. She spoke about some of the critical screenings for women to help promote and maintain good health. Many guidelines have changed over the years, but regular screenings for breast cancer, cervical cancer, colon cancer and osteoporosis are still vital. She encouraged staying up to date on all screenings. Pictured are Fran Walters, PA Candi Henderson, and Pilot Club President, Debbie Shelton.

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FAX 334-897-3434
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The deadline for placing a classified or other advertisement is noon on Tuesday of the week in which the ad is to appear.

COST

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Craftsman 110 Riding Lawn Mower, 42" cut. Like New. \$1,200.00. Frigidaire Refrigerator w/ Ice Maker. 3-yr-old. \$450.00. Call (334) 464-0158.

2/15-4t-pd.

Racing Go Cart for Sale. Extra Tires & Motor, Helmet and More Parts. \$1,700.00. Call (334) 282-0358 or (334) 543-5233.

2/22-2t-pd.

VEHICLE FOR SALE

FOR SALE. 2008 JEEP WRANGLER X, R/HD, 274,000 miles. New Transmission, Serviced Regularly. \$5,000.00. Call (334) 470-0977 after 6 p.m. 2/29-4t-pd.

AUTOMOTIVE

SUPPORT THE BLIND! Donate a car to the American Council of the Blind. FAST FREE PICKUP. 24-hour response. Running or not. maximum tax deduction and no emission test required! Call 24/7: 844-601-1342.

AUTO INSURANCE from \$29 month Free 2-minute Quote! We Compare all Insurance providers offers for you! Lowest Rates! Call Now 866-450-0943

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ATTENTION OXYGEN THERAPY USERS! Inogen One G4 is capable of full 24/7 oxygen delivery. Only 2.8 pounds. FREE information kit. Call 844-322-9935.

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LEGAL NOTICES:

Request for Purchase Agreement and Proposal

The west half of the building located at 347 West Davis St. on Courthouse Square in Elba is being offered for sale by the Elba Redevelopment Authority (ERA).

The building is often referred to as "The Dime Store" building and the east half is now being occupied by the Elba Chamber of Commerce.

The property will be sold as is, and the new owner will be given twelve months from closing to finish the interior and occupy the building.

The deed will reflect an agreement between the new owner and the ERA (who owns the Chamber office space) if joint repairs are required. The current roof was replaced with insurance funds in 2024 as a result of hail damage. A new roof would be an example of a shared cost expense.

Your proposal should include a plan for the use of the site, an estimated date of

occupancy, and your offered purchase price.

Please contact City Hall if you would like to examine the property.

Your sealed proposal must be submitted to the ERA at Elba City Hall, 200 Buford St., no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 21, 2024.

The ERA will consider each proposal based on monetary offer and benefit to the city. The ERA reserves the right to reject all proposals.

2/22,29,3/7&14-chg.

Notice Abandoned vehicle for sale to the highest bidder Thursday, March 21, 2024, at 10 a.m., at 636 Reese Ave., Elba, AL.

1987 Dodge Power Ram, Short Bed, 4x4 LE 150 VIN 1BHW14T8H5501990

2/29, 3/7&14pd.

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LEGAL NOTICES
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CAREGIVING

LOVE AND COMFORT CARE LLC Caregiver/

Sitter - Affordable In-Home Assistance with Daily Needs [Housekeeping, Cooking, Shopping, Laundry, Bathing, Medication Reminder, Caring Companionship, Transportation]. Locally Owned and Operated. Serving Elba and Enterprise area. (334) 282-4408.

2/29-4t-pd.

FOR SALE

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160+ channels available. Call Now to Get the Most Sports & Entertainment on TV! 844-594-7108

2/29-4t-pd.

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2/22,29&3/7-pd.

UPDATE YOUR HOME with Beautiful New Blinds & Shades. FREE in-home estimates make it convenient to shop from home. Professional installation. Top quality - Made in the USA. Call for free consultation: 844-809-9165. Ask about our specials!

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2/29-4t-pd.

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2/29-4t-pd.

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IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

/s/ R. Cliff Mendheim

R. CLIFF MENDHEIM,
Attorney for Personal Representative

2/15,22&29-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF HOWARD G. BRYAN, Deceased.

CASE NO. PR 2024-028

TAKENOTICE that Letters

Testamentary having been granted to Nadine Bryan,

as Personal Representative of the Estate of Howard

G. Bryan, deceased, on the

14th day of February, 2024

by the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson,

NOTICE IS HEREBY

GIVEN that all persons

having claims against the

said Estate are hereby

required to present the same

within the time allowed by

law for the same will be

barred.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

Judge of Probate

2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ H. Samuel Prim, III

H. SAMUEL PRIM, III,

Attorney for Personal Representative

2/15,22&29-pd.

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LEON EDWARD BLAISE, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2024-029

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on the

Estate of LEON EDWARD

BLAISE, deceased, having

been granted to the undersigned

on the 16th day of February, 2024, by the

Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson, Judge of the

Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama. Notice is

hereby given to all persons

having claims against said

Estate that they are hereby

required to present the same

within the time allowed by law

or such claims will be

barred.

/s/ Jeremy Edward Blaise

EDWARD BLAISE

Personal Representative of

said Estate

2/22,29&3/7-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

/s/ James Barton Perry

JAMES BARTON PERRY

Personal Representative

2/22,29,& 3/7-pd.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MILDRED EVEL

Luncheon Pilots hold annual Radio Day fundraiser

Luncheon Pilot Club of Enterprise held its annual Radio Day fundraiser on WBTF FM 94.7 and 96.3 in Troy. The Luncheon Pilot Club is part of the International Pilot Organization whose main emphasis is on helping people affected by brain related disorders.

Wiregrass merchants have once again shown their support for this major fundraiser by sponsoring radio ads that were read over the air by Luncheon Pilot Club members.

This is the major fund raiser for the club and over \$10,000 was raised. These funds will be given back to the Enterprise Community to include Habitat for Humanity, BrainMinders Programs, Special Needs Christmas Party, Banana Bingo at Enterprise Nursing Home, Enterprise Anchor

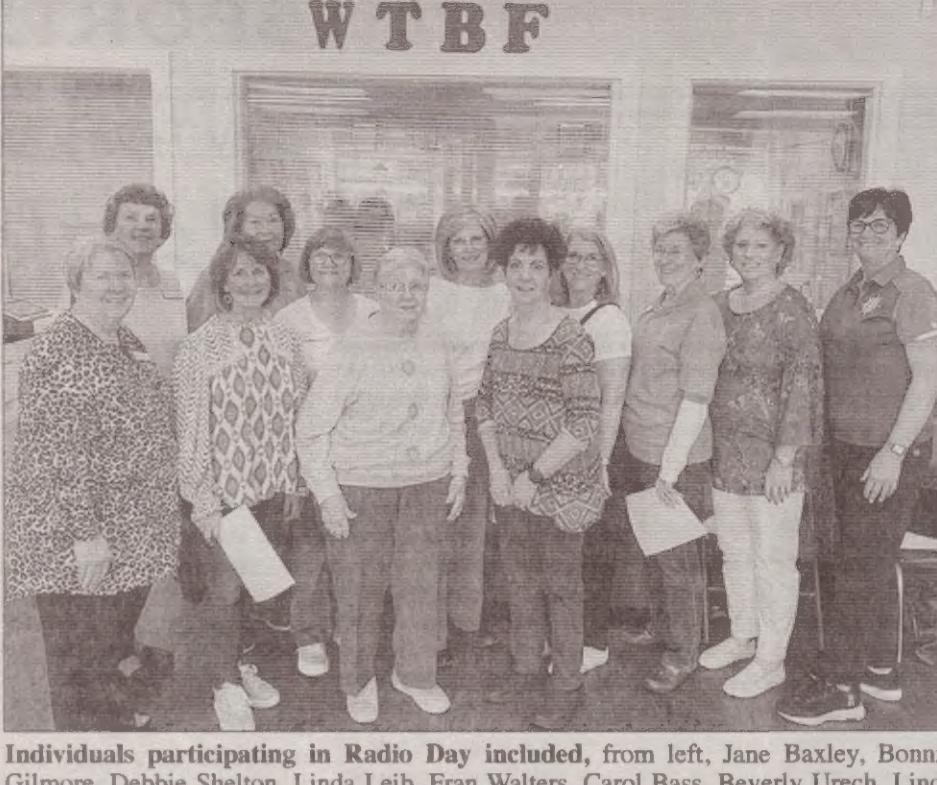
Club, Wiregrass Wounded Veterans Committee, Disabled Americans Veterans Transportation Project, sponsor a Coffee County resident to attend the Alabama Special Camp for Children and Adults, sponsor an individual to attend the Traumatic Brain Injury Camp, Hand Up Enterprise, Sheriff's Posse, Retirement Center Project, Coffee County Arts Alliance and other worthwhile projects that may come up during the year.

Project Lifesaver which is funded by LCPE is managed by Reserve Deputy Calvin Bookout of the Coffee County Sheriff's Department. Locator bracelets are put on individuals who are autistic or have a tendency to wander. When a caregiver notifies the

sheriff's office that the individual has wandered off, they are able to track them by their bracelet, often having the potential to save lives. As many as 20 individuals are being monitored by the Sheriff's Department at any given time and each bracelet is checked monthly by Officer Bookout to replace the batteries.

Each year club members strive to conduct an educational program for second-graders in the five elementary schools in Enterprise titled, "Brain Minders-Protecting Your Brain for Life", which impacts the lives of more than 650 students.

For more information about becoming a member of the Luncheon Pilot Club, contact Gina Oates at ginaoates686@outlook.com.



Individuals participating in Radio Day included, from left, Jane Baxley, Bonnie Gilmore, Debbie Shelton, Linda Leib, Fran Walters, Carol Bass, Beverly Urech, Linda Peterson, Julie Mills, Leslie Adams, Gina Oates, and Caroline Gebhart.

LEGAL NOTICES: (continued from Page 6)

STATE OF ALABAMA PROCLAMATION

BY THE GOVERNOR

WHEREAS the Alabama Legislature at its 2023 Second Special Session enacted Act No. 2023-562 (SB3), proposing an amendment to the Constitution of Alabama of 2022;

WHEREAS, in conformity with Section 284 of the Constitution of Alabama of 2022, as amended, the Legislature has ordered an election by the qualified electors of the state upon such proposed amendment; and

WHEREAS notice of this election, together with the proposed amendment, is required by law to be given by proclamation of the Governor, which shall be published once a week for at least four successive weeks immediately preceding the day appointed for the election;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kay Ivey, as Governor of the State of Alabama, do hereby give notice, direct, and proclaim that on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, an election will be held in the State of Alabama in the manner and form provided by law upon the following proposed amendment to the Constitution of 2022 of the State of Alabama:

A M E N D M E N T PROPOSED BY ACT NO. 2023-562

"Section 71.01

(A) The following words and phrases, whenever used in this amendment, shall have the following respective meanings:

"Basic Appropriations" means, with respect to any regular session of the legislature, such appropriations as the legislature may deem appropriate for the expenditures by the state during the ensuing budget period for the ordinary expenses of the executive, legislative and judicial departments branches of the state, for payment of the public debt, and for education (excluding, however, any item within the scope of the foregoing that is at the time provided for by a continuing appropriation or otherwise).

"Budget Period" means a fiscal year of the state or such period other than a fiscal year as may hereafter be fixed by law as the period with respect to which state budgets are prepared and state appropriations are made.

(B) On or before the second legislative day of each regular session of the legislature, beginning with the first regular session after January 1, 1983, the governor shall transmit to the legislature for its consideration a proposed budget for the then next ensuing budget period.

(C) The duty of the legislature at any regular session to make the basic appropriations for any budget period that will commence before the first day of any succeeding regular session shall be paramount; and, accordingly, beginning with the first regular session held after January 1, 1983, no bill (other than a bill making any of the basic appropriations) shall be signed by either the presiding officer of the house or senate and transmitted to the other

house until bills making the basic appropriations for the then ensuing budget period shall have been signed by the presiding officer of each house of the legislature in accordance with Section 66 of this Constitution and presented to the governor in accordance with Section 125 of this Constitution; provided, that this paragraph (C) shall not affect the passage of local laws or local constitutional amendments, the adoption of resolutions, or the conduct of any other legislative functions that do not require a third reading; and provided further, that following adoption, by vote of either house of not less than three-fifths of a quorum present, of a resolution declaring that the provisions of this paragraph (C) shall not be applicable in that house to a particular bill, which shall be specified in said resolution by number and title, the bill so specified may proceed to final passage therein.

(D) Upon the signing and presentation to the governor in accordance with the said Sections 66 and 125 of bills making the basic appropriations, the provisions of the foregoing paragraph (C) prohibiting the final passage of bills in the house and senate (other than bills making any part of the basic appropriations) shall cease to be effective and shall not be revived or become again effective as a result of (i) the subsequent legislative history of any bill so signed and presented, including any veto, return with executive amendment, or any other action, or failure to act, by either the governor or the legislature under the provisions of the said Section 125; or (ii) a determination, by either judicial decree or opinion of the justices of the Alabama Supreme Court, that any bill so signed and presented is wholly or in part invalid.

(E) The legislature may, by statute or rule, make such further provisions for the timely passage of bills making the basic appropriations as are not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution.

(F) Nothing contained herein shall be construed as requiring the legislature to make any appropriation not otherwise required by this Constitution to be made.

(G) Notwithstanding any provision of this amendment, any resolution authorizing the consideration of a bill proposing a local law adopted before November 8, 2016 [March 5, 2024], that conformed to the rules of either body of the Legislature at the time it was adopted, is ratified, approved, validated, and confirmed, and the application of any such resolution is effective from the date of original adoption."

FURTHER, I proclaim and direct that this proclamation shall be published once a week for the four successive weeks immediately preceding Tuesday, March 5, 2024, in every county as required by law.

2/8, 15, 22, & 29-chg.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JAMES P. SKINNER, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2023-219

NOTICE

Letters of Testamentary on the estate of said deceased, JAMES P. SKINNER, having been granted to MARGARET A. SKINNER on the 21st day of February, 2024, by the Honorable Jodee Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

DONE this the 21st day of February, 2024.

/s/ Jodee R. Thompson

HON. JODEE R. THOMPSON

Probate Judge

Coffee County, Alabama

2/29, 3/7 & 14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA (ENTERPRISE DIVISION)

THE ESTATE OF WESLEY CISROE MATHEWS, Deceased.

CASE NO.: PR-2024-032

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Letters Testamentary of

said deceased having been granted to Darlene Mock

on February 21, 2024, by

the Honorable Jodee R. Thompson, Probate Judge of Coffee County, Alabama, notice is hereby given that all persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present same within the time allowed by law or the same will be barred.

/s/ Darlene Mock

Darlene Mock

208 Whispering Pines St.

Enterprise, AL 36330

2/29, 3/7 & 14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT FOR COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ELISE S. HILTON, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2024-033

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on

the Estate of ELISE S.

HILTON, deceased, having

been granted to the undersigned on the 15th

day of February, 2024, by

the Honorable Jodee R.

Thompson, Judge of the

Probate Court of Coffee

County, Alabama. Notice is

hereby given to all persons

having claims against said

Estate that they are hereby

required to present the same

within the time allowed by

law or they will be barred.

/s/ Regina Hilton Warner

REGINA HILTON

WARNER

Personal Representative of

said Estate

2/29, 3/7 & 14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: ESTATE OF LOUIS KENNETH HALUSKA, DECEASED

CAUSE NO.: PR-2024-022

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

STATE OF ALABAMA

COUNTY OF COFFEE

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

Letters of Administration

having been granted on

the 13th day of February,

2024, by the Probate Court

of Coffee County, Alabama,

to Charles H. Ellzey, Esq.

to serve as Administrator of

the Estate of Louis Kenneth

Haluska, deceased, notice is

hereby given to all persons

having claims in or against

the Estate of Louis Kenneth

Haluska that they shall and

will be required to present

any and all claims against

the individual.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA

ENTERPRISE DIVISION

IN RE: THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF MARTHA JEAN DONALDSON, DECEASED

CASE NO.: PR-2024-034

NOTICE TO FILE CLAIMS

Letters Testamentary on

the Estate of MARTHA JEAN

DONALDSON, deceased,

having been granted to the

undersigned on the 21st

day of February, 2024, by

the Hon. Jodee Thompson,

Judge of the Probate Court

of Coffee County, Alabama.

Notice is hereby given to all

persons having claims against

the individual that they are hereby

required to present the same

within the time allowed by

law or they will be barred.

/s/ Diann E. Galimore

Diann E. Galimore

Personal Representative of

the Estate of

Phillip Boland Foley,

deceased

2/29, 3/7 & 14-pd.

IN THE PROBATE COURT OF COFFEE COUNTY, ALABAMA ELBA DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF RANDALL ALFRED HENDERSON, Deceased.

Case No.: PC-2023-091

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TAKE NOTICE that Letters

Testamentary were

granted the 8th day of

February, 2024, to Jeanette

H. Muth and Glen Buren

Henderson as Co-Executrix

and Co-Executor of the

SPORTS NEWS

Views From

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

Our youngest grandson Cannon has quickly gone from a wobbly walk to a slow run and now is getting ready to head to a gymnastics class to help with his coordination, and to meet some new friends at the same time. Being an only child keeps him with his parents and grandparents most of the time. So, Melanie is hoping the new weekly outing will pay dividends in more ways than one.

For what it is worth...

*** **The Elba Tigers had a busy week** on the baseball diamond and if nothing else gained a lot of experience as they lost all three games and allowed an average of over 15 runs per game. While the final stats didn't look too good, the Tigers actually owned an 8-1 lead in their first game in the fifth inning before losing in ten innings, and in game two were tied at 1-1 in the fifth before losing late. Elba had high hopes this season and despite the slow start I still think the Tigers will win their share of games and make a run at the area title before the long season heads down the homestretch.

*** **The Elba Lady Tigers are scheduled** to finally begin their season this week after pushing back the schedule due to the fact seven players are on the very successful Elba High basketball team that headed to Birmingham earlier this week to compete in the Final Four. The late start and lack of quality practice time will no doubt create some problems on the field for a week or two, but this bunch of girls expects to win every time it takes the field, or the court, and appears to be determined to make lots of noise and advance past the region tournament for the first time in years.

*** **The teams in the area** have made the start of the high school baseball and softball seasons a treat for fans. On the baseball field, New Brockton is off to a fast start and appears to have a deep pitching staff that should keep the Gamecocks in the game every time they take the field, while Zion Chapel also has a really good team and will no doubt win its share of games. Kinston has a young team that will only get better and better, and Brantley has a roster filled with winners and will always be a team to keep an eye on. Over on the softball field, the big news in early-season play has come from up at Jack, where the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels won their first nine games and averaged almost 13 runs per game. The Lady Rebels were expected to be a solid team and after less than two weeks of action have shown they may just be one of the top teams in the area. Kinston has lost to Zion Chapel three times, but is much better than its record may indicate and is a 1A contender, while New Brockton also got off to slow start due to its success in basketball and is trying to catch up in a hurry, and Brantley has been busy playing junior varsity games, since most of its varsity team is so young. Hey, if you thought basketball was fun, just wait!

*** **The latest news concerning Alabama Crimson Tide** football program wasn't actually related to anything that 'may' happen on the field next season, but instead what 'will' apparently happen in the pressbox as veteran Bama broadcaster Eli Gold announced he had been terminated after 35 years as the 'Voice of the Tide.' Early reports stated Gold had retired after missing most of last season due to a bout with cancer, but late in the week he told state media he had not retired and while his health was fine, the university chose not to bring him back. The school announced Chris Stewart, a member of the broadcast team since 1998 and the voice of Alabama men's basketball, would take over the role held by Gold since 1988. Gold also reported that while he was originally told he would be the play-by-play announcer of the A-Day game, that too has been changed as the school has decided to make a clean break. I have been a fan of Eli Gold for many years as an Alabama fan, and while I know changes take place, it doesn't mean I have to like them, and so far I have to say I have liked very few up at Tuscaloosa.

*** **Over 11,000 college football players** got the chance to be a part of the EA Sports College Football 25 video game last week when EA Sports announced it had finalized its name, image and likeness plan and would begin signing up players. Up to 85 players per school will appear on game rosters set to come out this summer, and all the players on the roster will reportedly receive \$600, plus a copy of the game, valued at \$70. Athletes will remain in the game for their careers and receive annual payments, but can opt out of future editions. EA Sports stated there will be more than 100 additional NIL opportunities for athletes to work with the company through social media posts, on-campus promotions, ads and perhaps being the game's featured cover player. All 134 FBS schools have agreed to join the game, while no FCS schools will be included. I wonder if when the salaries of agents and accountants is added up if the NIL packages are really worth as much as advertised?

*** **In closing....** Amateur sports may soon be just a thing of the past since a federal judge in Tennessee ruled last week that the NCAA cannot dictate rules dealing with NIL and players may actually negotiate contracts with colleges during the recruiting process. The ruling came after the NCAA notified the University of Tennessee it was being investigated for improper use of NIL. So, the folks at the university found a local judge that is obviously a Vols fan and are now out of the dog house and the NCAA was left with basically no power to enforce any rules dealing with NIL. I guess now instead of a college coach telling a potential player how he will help the program, the player will tell the coach he wants a million dollars to sign and will head to the school that pays the most.

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Lady Tigers make it back-to-back

Back to Birmingham

The Elba Lady Tigers punched their tickets for a return appearance at the 'Final Four' last week with an exciting 56-35 victory over the Leroy Bears, in the finals of the South Region basketball tournament, at Garrett Coliseum, in Montgomery.

Elba fell behind 5-0 early in the first quarter, and while it did get on the scoreboard on a basket by Ayrika Caldwell with 4:30 left in the quarter, the Lady Tigers never settled in on their end of the court and trailed 18-6 heading into the second stanza.

The Lady Tigers closed to within 18-9 with 5:29 left in the second quarter on a basket by Kendra Juarez, but Leroy refused to slow down and led 26-15 with 28 seconds left in the half, only to see Elba's A'Lyric Whitfield hit four free-throws in the final 14 seconds of the stanza as the Lady Tigers went in at intermission trailing 26-19.

A three-pointer by Alayvia Stinson with 5:52 remaining in the third quarter pulled Elba within 29-22 and sparked a 13-0 Lady Tiger rally as they connected on 7 of 8 free-throws during a two-minute span and grabbed a 32-29

advantage with 2:10 still left in the quarter, and carried a 39-33 lead into the fourth quarter.

Ana Caldwell scored on a put back early in the final stanza to up the lead to 41-33, and the Lady Tigers opened the quarter on a 10-0 run to take command and held Leroy to only two points in the quarter to pull away and post the big 56-35 win.

The Lady Tigers used an aggressive defense to spark the comeback win as they had 25 steals and forced 45 turnovers

A'Lyric Whitfield scored 16 points, hit 10 of 16 free throws and had 8 steals to lead Elba, while region MVP Kendra Juarez added 15 points, hit 7 of 7 free throw attempts, and had 11 steals. Ana Caldwell added 8 points and 6 rebounds, Tajah Robinson added 6 points and 2 rebounds, Ayrika Caldwell added 4 points, Alayvia Stinson added 3 points and 5 rebounds, Sydney Siler added 2 points and 3 rebounds, and Ny'Asia McCollough added 2 points. Chauncey Dixon scored 13 points and grabbed 14 rebounds to lead Leroy, while Breanna Pipkin added 10 points.

Lady Tigers JV post game two win over Zion Chapel

The Elba Lady Tigers junior varsity hosted the Zion Chapel Lady Rebels last Thursday night and posted one win and one draw as they moved their season record to 3-3-1.

The Lady Tigers jumped out to a 6-0 first inning lead in the first game of the doubleheader, but saw Zion Chapel rally and had to plate two runs in the bottom of the fifth to survive and claim a 9-9 tie.

Mary O'Neal had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI to lead Elba, while Shaylee Johnson added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's; Javonnie Williams added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 RBI's; and, Channon Hooks scored 2 runs. Mary O'Neal pitched five innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and four walks. Landry Hataway and Alyssa Forehand both had 2

hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 RBI to lead Zion Chapel, while Mackenzie Warren added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Cally McWaters and Caroline Jordan combined to pitch five innings and allowed six earned runs on six hits.

The Lady Tigers scored nine runs in the bottom of the first inning to erase an early 2-0 deficit and never lost command to claim a 9-3 win. Hillary Hudson had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 RBI's to lead Elba,

while Micah Smith added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 RBI's; Payton Parks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; and, Mary O'Neal scored 2 runs. Ally Minor, Cailyn Sanders and Destiny Stinson all added 1 hit. Caroline Jordan pitched three innings and allowed three earned runs on six hits and four walks.

Prep Sports

SCHEDULES

Thursday, Feb. 29

(Baseball)

Luverne at Elba JV-V

Brantley at Kinston JV-V

Zion Chapel at Abbeville

V DH

New Brockton Jr. at Geneva

V DH

New Brockton, at Arinton

Varsity Tourney

5:00 – vs. Geneva

(Softball)

Samson at Elba JV-V

Charles Henderson at Zion

Chapel JV

Luverne at Brantley JV-V

New Brockton at Andalusia

JV

Friday, March 1

(Baseball)

Elba at Brantley V

Zion Chapel, at Arinton

Varsity Tourney

5:00 – vs. Geneva

(Softball)

Elba at New Brockton JV-V

Saturday, March 2

Zion Chapel, at Arinton

Varsity Tourney

11:00 – vs. New Brockton

5:00 – vs. Carroll

Brantley, at McKenzie JV

Tourney

12:00 – vs. Pleasant Home

New Brockton, at Arinton

Varsity Tourney

11:00 – vs. Zion Chapel

3:00 – vs. Wicksburg

Monday, March 4

(Baseball)

Zion Chapel at Arinton

JR-JV

Florala at Brantley V

New Brockton at Carroll

JV-V

(Softball)

Zion Chapel at Kinston

JV-V

(Golf)

Kinston, Tri-Match, Pike

Lib B/G

Tuesday, March 5

(Baseball)

Brantley at Elba JV-V

Emmanuel Ch. At Kinston

V

New Brockton at Zion

Chapel JV-V

(Softball)

Elba at Florala JV-V

Emmanuel Ch. At Kinston

JV-V

Dothan at New Brockton

JV DH

(Soccer)

Arinton at New Brockton

G/B

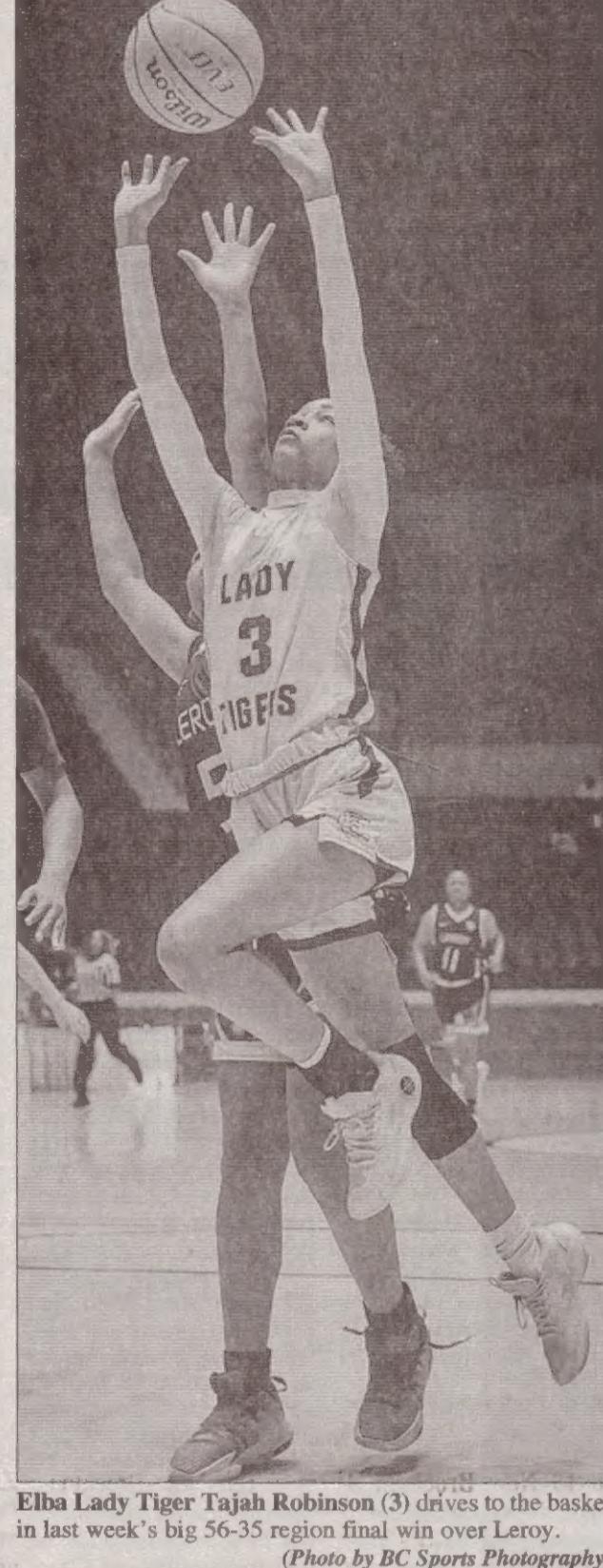
Wednesday, March 6

(Golf)

Enterprise at Elba JV

New Brockton at Geneva

Co. JV-V



Elba Lady Tiger Tajah Robinson (3) drives to the basket in last week's big 56-35 region final win over Leroy.

(Photo by BC Sports Photography)

Elba Tiger JV struggle to find a win in busy week of action

The Elba Tigers junior varsity played three games last week and failed to find a win as they dropped all three games.

Following is a recap of both games:

Samson 16 Elba 5

The Elba Tigers fell behind 15-4 in the first inning and never recovered in a 16-5 road loss to Samson. Dylan Holley had 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 RBI's to lead the Gamecocks, while Nolyn Holland added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 RBI's. Conner Leuci, David Peacock and Brayden Fomby combined to pitch three innings and allowed three earned runs on three hits and six walks.

Louverne 12 Elba 6

The Elba Tigers saw an early 2-0 lead vanish in a 12-6 road loss to Luverne. Earl Tolentino had 2 hits and 3 RBI's to lead Elba, while Skylar Mitchell added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 RBI; Dylan Holley added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Levi Martin scored 2 runs.

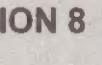
Reynolds was tagged with the loss as he pitched two innings and allowed eight earned runs on six hits and four walks.

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SPORTS WEEK IN REVIEW

Gamecocks' Trent Smith strikes out 18 in 1-0 win over Rebels

BASEBALL:

New Brockton 1 Zion Chapel 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks and Zion Chapel Rebels met Friday night in a cross-county clash that turned into a pitcher's duel as the Gamecocks scored the game's only run in the bottom of the sixth inning to post a 1-0 win. New Brockton's Riley Simmons singled in the only run of the night with two outs in the sixth, and Trent Smith finished off a complete game two-hit shutout in the seventh. Blake Peterson had 2 hits to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons had the game winning rbi single, and Payton Green and Dawson Peacock both added 1 hit. Smith recorded 18 strikeouts in claiming the win on the mound. Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan had the only Rebel hits, and Braisted was the hard luck loser on the mound as he pitched six innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, with 11 strikeouts.

Headland 15 New Brockton JV 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 12-0 in the first inning and never threatened in a 15-0 loss to Headland. Colton Cain and Kaiden Sims both had 1 hit to lead the Gamecocks, while Cooper Medley and Robert Boutwell combined to pitch five innings and allowed two earned runs on five hits, while striking out three.

New Brockton JV 9 Headland 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks led all the way to post a solid 9-2 win over Headland. Griffin Wood had 3 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead New Brockton, while Will Adkison added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Robert Boutwell added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Kaiden Sims added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Griffin Wood got the win on the mound as he tossed a five-inning three-hitter with eight strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Carroll 3 – The New Brockton Gamecocks opened the season with a 9-3 win over Carroll. Dawson Peacock had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead the Gamecocks, while Riley Simmons added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Hayden Pope added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Trent Smith added 1 hit. Payton Green, Trent Smith and Hunter White combined to pitch seven innings and allowed three earned runs on four hits, with nine strikeouts.

New Brockton 6 Straughn 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to down Straughn 6-1. Dawson Peacock and Payton Green both had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Jacob Fisher added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Hunter Pope added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Payton Green, Jacob Fisher and Dalton Holloway combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, with eight strikeouts.

Straughn 13 New Brockton 4 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered in a 13-4 loss to Straughn. Dalton Holloway and Kyle GaVette both had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Dawson Peacock added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Riley Simmons added 1 hit. Hunter Bedsole, Hunter White and Kyle GaVette combined to pitch six innings and allowed eight earned runs on 11 hits and eight walks, while striking out 10.

Opp 10 New Brockton JV 7 – The New Brockton Gamecocks saw a 7-0 fourth inning lead slip away in a 10-7 loss to Opp. Nick Cassady had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Kylen Radcliffe, Kaiden Sims and Colton Starling all added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Robert Boutwell and Griffin Wood combined to pitch three and two-thirds innings and allowed eight earned runs on eight hits, with five strikeouts.

Opp 5 New Brockton JV 2 – The New Brockton Gamecocks watched a 2-0 fourth inning lead slip away in a 5-2 loss to Opp. Robert Boutwell had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Bryant Crumpler added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Cooper Medley and Colton Cain pitched and allowed no earned runs on no hits, while striking out four.

Zion Chapel 12 Kinston 0 – The Zion Chapel Rebels scored in every inning to open the season with a 12-0 win over the Kinston Bulldogs. Brodie Flowers had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Rebels, while John Foster Hamm added a home run, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Kavan Brown added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Wes Braisted added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Wes Braisted and Austin Jordan combined to pitch five innings and allowed one hit with nine strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 14 Greenville 4 – The Zion Chapel Rebels pulled ahead early and never looked back in a 14-4 win over Greenville. Wes Braisted had 3 hits, scored 3 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead the Rebels, while Austin Jordan added 2 hits and 3 rbi's, Kavan Brown added 2 hits and scored 2 runs, Macon Allen added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, and Brady Flowers and Joseph LeGear both scored 2 runs. Brady Flowers and John Foster Hamm combined to pitch six innings and allowed four earned runs on five hits, with six strikeouts.

New Brockton JV 11 Zion Chapel 1 – The New Brockton Gamecocks used a seven-run fourth inning to take command in an 11-1 win over the Zion Chapel Rebels. Landin Norris had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while Kaiden Sims, Robert Boutwell and Caleb Ennis all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Griffin Wood was the winning pitcher as he tossed a three-inning three-hitter with five strikeouts. Brody Sheets had 1 hit and scored 1 run for the Rebels, while Gunner Jacobs and Trent Elrod both added 1 hit. Trent Elrod was tagged with the loss as he pitched three and one-third innings and allowed eight earned runs on nine hits and seven walks.

Kinston JV 7 New Brockton Middle 5 – The Kinston Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to defeat the New Brockton Gamecocks, Jon Simmons had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead the Bulldogs, while Zavory Stanley added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Easton Parker and Judd Green both scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Judd Green, Zavory Stanley and Ty Lashley combined to pitch three and two-thirds innings and allowed one earned run on two hits, with four strikeouts. Peyton Collins and David Peacock both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Brayden Fomby added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Landon Waller added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Cole Danford and Caleb Shipp combined to pitch three innings and allowed four earned runs on three hits.

Samson 13 New Brockton Middle 7 – The New Brockton Gamecocks surrendered six runs in the final inning in a 13-7 loss to Samson. Hunter Massey had 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Gamecocks, while David Peacock added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; Peyton Collins added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Nolyn Holland added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Peacock, Holland and Brayden Fomby combined to pitch two and one-third innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and seven walks.

Headland 15 New Brockton JV 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks fell behind 10-0 in the first inning and never recovered in a 15-0 loss to Headland. Clark Moran and Kaiden Sims both had 1 hit to lead the Gamecocks, while Caleb Ennis and Cooper Medley combined to pitch two and one-third innings and allowed nine earned runs on six hits and four walks.

Headland 13 New Brockton JV 0 – The New Brockton Gamecocks never got on the scoreboard in a 13-0 loss to Headland. Landin Norris, Will Adkison and Griffin Wood all had 1 hit to lead the Gamecocks, while Colton Cain pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed eight earned runs on 12 hits.

Samson 15 Kinston JV 8 – The Kinston Bulldogs fell behind 10-4 in the first inning and never caught up in a 15-8 loss to Samson. Judd Green had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Jon Simmons added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, and Zavory Stanley scored 2 runs. Easton Parker, Evan Hilburn, Cam McKinney and Ben Kirkpatrick combined to pitch one and one-third innings and allowed 13 earned runs on eight hits and three walks.

SOFTBALL:

Brantley JV 17 Andalusia 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs scored in every inning in a big 17-2 win over Andalusia. Marley Kilcrease had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Collins Hawthorne added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Summer Simmons added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Kennedy Baggett was the winning pitcher as she tossed a 1-hitter with five strikeouts.

Brantley JV 12 Geneva 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs led all the way to defeat Geneva 12-2. Marley Kilcrease had 3 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Brantley, while Alex Grimes added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 7 rbi's; and, Coco Stamps added 2 hits and scored 3 runs. Alex Grimes got the win inside the circle as she allowed two earned runs on three hits, while striking out nine.

Brantley JV 7 Luverne 4 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on late to post a 7-4 win over Luverne. Alex Grimes had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Marley Kilcrease added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Adalidai Latham added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kennedy Baggett pitched three innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, with three strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 15 Providence Christian 8 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used an 11-run second inning to take command and rolled to a 15-8 win over Providence Christian. Kaylee Hodge had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; Riley Bannin added 2 hits and had 2 rbi's; and, Summer Simmons added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Kennedy Baggett was the winning pitcher as she tossed a 1-hitter with five strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 13 Ashford 6 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 10-run second inning to take charge and rolled to a 13-6 win over Ashford. Kennedy Hussey had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Zion Chapel, while Amber Kidd added 2 hits and 3 rbi's; Shea Wambles added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Sydney Boothe added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed four runs and allowed no earned runs on three hits, while striking out six.

Zion Chapel 15 Pike Liberal Arts 7 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels rallied from a 7-4 deficit to post a 15-7 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Riley Bannin had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Sydney Boothe added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Shea Wambles added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Amber Kidd added 2 hits and 3 rbi's. Bannin and Boothe combined to pitch four innings and allowed seven earned runs on eight hits, with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 14 Dale County 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used an 11-run fourth inning to pull away in a 14-2 win over Dale County. Kennedy Hussey had 3 hits, including two triples, scored 3 runs and had 5 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Riley Bannin added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Madison Meeks added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Yaya Velazquez added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Sydney Boothe was the winning pitcher as she tossed four runs and allowed no earned runs on three hits, with two strikeouts.

Kinston JV 16 Flora 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs scored in every inning in a 15-0 win over Flora. Adalyn Whigham had 1 hit, scored 1 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Kylee Jerkins added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; Karlee Wallace added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's; and, Adelyn Jarrell added 1 hit and scored 3 runs. Justi Creech and Laken Kelley pitched and allowed no earned runs on one hit with eight strikeouts.

Kinston 15 Flora 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs banged out 12 hits in a 15-0 win over Flora. Madisyn Jones had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Brynne Kelley added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Lyla Bruce added 1 hit and scored 2 runs. Lilli Sumblin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game one-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 17 Charles Henderson 0 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels continued to light up the scoreboard in a 17-0 win over Charles Henderson. Shea Wambles had 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kennedy Hussey added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 4 rbi's; Sydney Boothe added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's; and, Madison Meeks added 1 hit and scored 2 runs; and, Riley Bannin added a solo home run. Riley Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a complete game no-hitter with five strikeouts.

Andalusia 6 Brantley 2 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs trailed only 3-2 after three innings, but failed to get back on the scoreboard in a 6-2 season opening loss to Andalusia. Anna Little had 1 hit and 1 rbi and Coco Stamps added 1 hit and scored 1 run to lead Brantley, while Mary Driggers and Kennedy Baggett both added 1 hit. Anna Little and Alex Grimes combined to pitch three and two-thirds innings and allowed one earned run on two hits, with four strikeouts. Peyton Collins and David Peacock both had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Brayden Fomby added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Landon Waller added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Cole Danford and Caleb Shipp combined to pitch three innings and allowed four earned runs on three hits.

Holmes County 6 Brantley JV 5 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs watched a 5-1 lead evaporate in a 6-5 loss

to Holmes County. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Coco Stamps added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Kennedy Baggett added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Baggett was tagged with the loss in the circle as she pitched two and one-third innings and allowed four earned runs on six hits and three walks.

Zion Chapel 5 Kinston 1 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels led all the way in a 5-1 win over the Kinston Lady Bulldogs. Kennedy Hussey had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Riley Bannin added 1 hit. Bannin was the winning pitcher as she tossed four innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, with eight strikeouts. Camdyn Norris, Brynne Kelley and Aubrie Brown all had 1 hit for Kinston. Lauren Norris was saddled with the loss as she pitched three and two-thirds innings and allowed three earned runs on two hits and three walks.

Kinston 3 Pike Liberal Arts 1 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs pulled ahead early and held on to post a 3-1 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Lilli Sumblin had 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Kinston, while Camdyn Norris added 1 hit and 2 rbi's, and Brynne Kelley added 1 hit and scored 1 run. Sumblin was the winning pitcher as she tossed a four-inning two-hitter with 11 strikeouts.

Dothan 14 Brantley JV 3 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs fell behind early and never recovered in a 14-3 loss to Dothan. Alex Grimes had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 1 run, and Collins Hawthorne added 1 hit. Alex Grimes pitched and allowed six earned runs on six hits and eight walks, while striking out six.

Brantley JV 11 Dale County 1 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs used a 10-run first inning to take command and coasted to an 11-1 win over Dale County. Alex Grimes had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 5 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Coco Stamps added 2 hits, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Marley Kilcrease added 2 hits and scored 2 runs; and, Adalidai Latham added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi. Kennedy Baggett pitched three innings and allowed one earned run on four hits, with three strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 14 Carroll 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels used a 10-run third inning to take command in a 14-2 win over Carroll. Amber Kidd had 3 hits and 2 rbi's to lead the Lady Rebels, while Kennedy Hussey added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Madison Meeks added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 3 rbi's; and, Shea Wambles, Sydney Boothe and Yaya Velazquez all added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi, with Boothe hitting a home run. Boothe was also the winning pitcher as she tossed four innings and allowed no earned runs on two hits, with eight strikeouts.

Dothan 7 Brantley JV 5 – The Brantley Lady Bulldogs saw a late 5-2 lead slip away in a 705 loss to Dothan. Alex Grimes had 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 3 rbi's to lead Brantley, while Marley Kilcrease added 1 hit and scored 2 runs, Adalidai Latham added 1 hit and 1 rbi, and Summer Simmons added 1 hit. Alex Grimes pitched two and one-third innings and allowed two earned runs on four hits, with three strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 15 Pike Liberal Arts 7 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels rallied from a 7-4 deficit to post a 15-7 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Riley Bannin had 4 hits, scored 3 runs and had 2 rbi's to lead Zion Chapel, while Sydney Boothe added 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 2 rbi's; Shea Wambles added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; and, Amber Kidd added 2 hits and 3 rbi's. Bannin and Boothe combined to pitch four innings and allowed seven earned runs on eight hits, with seven strikeouts.

Kinston 10 Pike Liberal Arts 0 – The Kinston Lady Bulldogs used a 9-run opening inning to take command and rolled to a big 10-0 win over Pike Liberal Arts. Lilli Sumblin had 3 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 2 hits, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Lauren Norris added 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Chloe Phillips added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 2 rbi's. Lilli Sumblin pitched a four-inning, two-hit shutout with seven strikeouts.

Zion Chapel 12 Kinston 2 – The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels scored six runs in the fourth inning to erase a 2-0 deficit and then added six more runs in the sixth to defeat the Kinston Lady Bulldogs 12-2. Amber Kidd had 2 hits to lead the Lady Rebels, while Sydney Boothe added 2 hits and had 1 rbi; Riley Bannin added 1 hit and 1 rbi; and, Riley Bannin and Sydney Boothe combined to pitch six innings and allowed no earned runs on six hits, while striking out nine. Brynne Kelley had 2 hits and 2 rbi's to lead Kinston, while Madisyn Jones added 1 hit and scored 1 run.

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SPORTS NEWS

Elba Tigers drop three straight to open season

The Elba Tigers opened the high school baseball season last week with a busy three-game schedule and found wins hard to come by as they dropped all three games.

Following are recaps of last week's three games:

Samson 14 Elba 13 (10 innings)

The Elba Tigers opened their baseball season last Monday afternoon on the road in Samson and saw an 8-1 fifth inning lead slip away in a disappointing 14-13, ten-inning loss to the Samson Tigers.

Elba took advantage of Samson errors and an rbi single by Brady Johnson to grab a 4-0 second inning lead, and carried a 4-1 led into the top of the fifth inning, where the Tigers added four more runs to extend their lead to 8-1. Kaleb Mitchell ripped a one-out double to spark the fifth inning fireworks, while Easton McKelvy added an rbi single as Elba appeared to take command by opening up a big 8-1 advantage.

Samson scored once in the bottom of the fifth to pull within 8-2, then took advantage of a hit batter and a walk to open the sixth inning as it added two runs to cut the Elba lead to 8-4. The Tigers upped their lead to 9-4 in the top of

the seventh when McKelvy drew a walk and later scored on a passed ball. However, after recording a quick out in the bottom of the, Elba made costly errors and watched as Samson rallied to pull even at 9-9.

Elba stranded two runners on base in the eighth inning, but scored four runs in the tenth and once again appeared in command as it moved ahead 13-9. Collin Arnold reached on an error and circled the bases on Samson mistakes to put the Tigers back on top, while Kaleb Mitchell and Brayden Johnson were both hit by a pitch and later scored as the Tigers took a 13-9 lead.

Samson was down, but not out, and combined four walks with a hit batter and two base hits to stage the game's final rally and handed the visiting Tigers the 14-13 extra-inning defeat.

Kaleb Mitchell had 2 hits and scored 3 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Easton McKelvy added 1 hit, scored 2 runs and had 1 rbi; Cameron Gray added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; Brayden Johnson added 1 hit and scored 3 runs; and, Brady Johnson added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Five Elba pitchers combined to

pitch nine and two-thirds



Elba Tiger Jaden Baker (4) holds a New Brockton runner close to the base in last week's cross-county clash won by the Gamecocks 9-1

(Photo by Ashley Bertsch)

innings and allowed eight earned runs on 10 hits and 15 walks, while recording 18 strikeouts.

New Brockton 9 Elba 1

The Elba Tigers jumped

out to an early 1-0 lead and were tied at 1-1 after four innings, only to see the New Brockton Gamecocks score eight runs in their final three at-bats in a 9-1

home loss on Thursday night.

Elba grabbed a 1-0 lead in the top of the first inning when Brady Johnson drew a one-out walk, moved to third on a single by Ty Sieving and scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Kaleb Mitchell, but left the bases loaded as the Tigers missed a chance to take command early.

New Brockton pulled even at 1-1 in the second without the need of a hit, and then scored three runs in the fifth, with the key hits being an rbi single by Hunter Pope and a sacrifice fly off the bat of Trent Smith. An rbi double by Payton Green in the sixth upped New Brockton's lead to 5-1, and Hunter White delivered a two-run single in the seventh as the Gamecocks plated four runs to claim the 9-1 win.

Kaleb Mitchell had 1 hit and 1 rbi to lead Elba, while Ty Sieving and Jay Wilson both added 1 hit, and Brady Johnson scored 1 run. Cameron Gray, Ty Sieving and Jay Wilson combined to pitch seven innings and allowed five earned runs on five hits and four walks, while striking out seven.

Blake Peterson had 2 hits, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi to lead the Gamecocks, while Payton Green and Hunter Pope both added 1 hit, scored 1 run and had 1 rbi; and, Hunter White added 1 hit and two rbi's. Payton Green, Dalton Holloway and Hunter White combined to pitch seven innings and allowed one earned run on three hits, while striking out 10.

Luverne 23 Elba 8

The Elba Tigers saw an early 3-0 lead vanish in a

lopsided 23-8 road loss to Luverne, in Friday night action.

Elba came out determined to put runs on the scoreboard and did just that as the Tigers jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the top of the first. A leadoff walk to Cameron Gray and a single by Jay Wilson put the Tigers in business, and when Ty Sieving reached on an error, Williams raced home to put Elba on top 1-0. Kaleb Mitchell followed with an rbi single to drive in Wilson, and Sieving later scored on a fielder's choice off the bat of Brady Johnson as the Tigers lead grew to 3-0.

Luverne wasn't down for long; however, as it plated nine runs in the bottom of the first and seven more in the second to open up a 16-3 lead. Elba scored two runs in the third on a bases loaded walk to Brady Johnson and a fielder's choice off the bat of Jaden Baker to stay alive, but Luverne added five runs in its half of the frame to up its lead to 21-5, and while the Tigers put three runs on the scoreboard in the fourth, sparked by a two-run single by Kaleb Mitchell, it was not enough as Luverne rolled to the 23-8 win.

Kaleb Mitchell had 3 hits and 3 rbi's to lead Elba at the plate, while Ty Sieving added 1 hit, scored 3 runs and had 1 rbi; Jay Wilson and Collin Arnold both added 1 hit and scored 1 run; and, Easton McKelvy added 1 hit and 1 rbi. Arnold, Johnson, McKelvy and Powell Bane all pitched in the loss and allowed 12 earned runs on 11 hits and 13 walks.

Elba golfers host five area squads

The Elba Tigers hosted a varsity and junior varsity golf match last Wednesday morning at the Elba Country Club with the Tiger golfers hosting Brantley, Samson, Enterprise and Andalusia.

In varsity completion, the Tigers won the match with a team score of 314, led by Jay Wilson with a 74. Other scores from Elba golfers included Trace Grantham 78, Alex Wisecup 79, Kade Harrison 82 and Payton Byrd 106.

Brantley placed second with a team score of 353, led by Cooper Layton with an 82, John Harper Kilcrease 85, Tyson Grant 85, Jackson Wingard 101 and Axton Saunders 113. Samson entered two varsity golfers with Coy Ingram firing a 76 and Luke Reid firing an 81.

In junior varsity action, Elba was led by Powell Bane with an 82, followed by Tiger teammates Levi Martin (98), Andrew

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